CLAIMS

Having thus described the aforementioned invention, I claim:

1. A method for assigning functions to an animal training transmitter having a plurality of function selectors and a mode selector, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a training mode via a mode selector;

(b) assigning a function to each of a plurality of function selectors, said function associated with said training mode;

(c) detecting an activation of one of said plurality of function selectors;

(d) generating a data packet including a function corresponding to said activation of one of said plurality of function selectors; and

(e) broadcasting said data packet.

2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

(f) selecting a correction stimulus intensity; and

(g) including said correction stimulus intensity in said data packet.

3. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of indicating said training mode to an operator.

4. An apparatus for training an animal, said apparatus comprising:

means for selecting a training mode as a selected mode;

means for assigning a function to each of a plurality of selectors based upon said selected mode;

means for populating a data packet in response to activation of one of said plurality of selectors; and

means for transmitting said data packet.

5. The apparatus of Claim 4 further comprising means for providing indication of said selected mode to an operator.

6. An apparatus for training an animal, said apparatus comprising:

a mode selector wherein activation of said mode selector selects a training mode stored as a selected mode;

a plurality of function selectors;

a processing device in communication with said mode selector and said plurality of function selectors, said processing device assigning a function to each of said plurality of function selectors in response to said selected mode, said processing device producing a signal in response to activation of one of said plurality of function selectors; and

a transmitter in communication with said processing device, said transmitter broadcasting said training signal.

7. The apparatus of Claim 6 further comprising an indicator in communication with said processing device, said indicator providing an indication of said selected mode.

8. An apparatus for training an animal, said apparatus comprising:

a mode selector wherein activation of said mode selector selects a training mode stored as a selected mode;

a plurality of function selectors;

a processing device in communication with said mode selector and said plurality of function selectors, wherein one of said plurality of selectors is activated as an activated selector, said processing device producing a data packet in response to activation of one of said plurality of function selectors, said data packet including function information associated with said activated selector corresponding to said selected mode; and

a transmitter in communication with said processing device, said transmitter broadcasting said data packet.

9. The apparatus of Claim 8 further comprising an indicator in communication with said processing device, said indicator providing an indication of said selected mode.

10. A method for providing an animal training transmitter having a plurality of function selectors and a mode selector with user programmable features, said method

comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a training mode via a mode selector;

(b) activating one of a plurality of function selectors;

(c) populating a data packet with a function code associated with said training mode in response to said step of activating one of a plurality of function selectors; and

(d) broadcasting said data packet.

11. The method of Claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

(f) selecting a correction stimulus intensity; and

(g) including said correction stimulus intensity in said data packet.

12. The method of Claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

(f) indicating said training mode to an operator.